

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0104] as follows:

[0104] The key explains the types of processing that the method of the present invention performs to standardize drug names and to improve the quality of the reported data. The present invention preferably performs five types of processing: spelling correction (corrects misspelled drug names and standardizes variations in drug names), noise words (words like, for example, “tablets” “Prozac tablets” does not offer further information about the drug itself; it simply provides information on how the drug was administered), combo words (alphanumerics like “20 mg.,” for example, which are redundant because already in the database), numerics (the “20” in 20 mg. In this case, 20 is a numeric and “mg” is a noise word), marks (extraneous typographic symbols, such as brackets, dashes, and so forth). Additional aspects of this feature of the present invention are provided in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/681,587, filed May 2, 2001, entitled Pharmacovigilance Database, now U.S. Patent No. 6,778,994, issued August 17, 2004, which is incorporated herein by reference.